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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
Ulrich Riegel et al.

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Art Unit: 1796

For: Swellable Hydrogel-Forming  
Polymers Having High Permeability

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Examiner: James W. Taylor II

**AMENDMENT "A"**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action of September 4, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.